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THE REPUBLICAN HAS A BANNER. SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 10, 1874.

TO THE PUBLIC. The business office of THE REPUBLICAN for the present will consist of tenth and streets, at which place all persons having business relations with the paper will call.

Notice is given that the police force of the District of Columbia, under the command of the Commissioner of Police, will be in full force, ready to meet any emergency.

THE CHIEF JUSTICER. A morning contemporary publishes a notice to what has been considered a malicious report in regard to Mr. Waite, the nominee for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, viz.: that in 1869 he voted for General McClellan for President. We have the best authority for the statement that the charge is without a shadow of foundation in fact. Mr. Waite's nomination was reported favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary yesterday, and its confirmation by a large majority is assured.

THE NEW DIPLOMACY OF THE EAST.

It requires but little knowledge of passing events to discover in the recent important proceedings of the Japanese Government the result of an influence which is purely and truly American, and the successful issue of which cannot fail to redound to the benefit of the United States. The struggle for supremacy among the treaty-making Powers in the influence which some of them must exert over the rehabilitation of Japanese governmental policy has progressed for years. But from the outset the Japanese rulers have exhibited a decided favoritism for the United States. Not more than a year ago, however, the continuance of this favoritism was endangered by the scheming efforts of certain European Powers.

It seems now that these efforts have

resulted in a combination of those Powers

to secure the prompt payment of the Sino-Japanese indemnity. As the United States was a party with Holland, France, and England in the original proceedings to secure this indemnification, it was to be ex-

pected that she would continue to be a party until it was paid. Pursuing a different policy, however, than that adopted by the three Powers mentioned, the United States has earnestly endeavored to conciliate the friendship of Japan for reasonably unselfish purposes.

While Holland, France, and England have sought relations with the Japanese for the purpose of adding to their wealth as nations, for the aggrandizement of their citizens, and for the increase of the value of their commercial marine, the United States has sought to encourage the growth of modern civilization within the domain of our Eastern neighbor. While

all of the Powers of the Old World have

been engaged in urging the Japanese to make haste in the adoption of new customs,

in the reorganization of their Government,

and in the consequent expenditure of money

in foreign markets, it has been a policy

of the United States to keep such pace

with the progress toward needed reforms

as to appear friendly and at the same

time to avoid the possibility of a charge

that we have been prompted by interested

and mercenary motives.

The same policy now exists itself to prevent Minister Blag-

ham from not accepting our share of the

indemnity, and at the same time to prevent him from assuming a position which would

appear as a rebuke of the course pursued by others.

The disposition of this indemnity fund has been the occasion of much discussion by educationalists and publicists of every character in this country. During the period of Mr. Mori's term as the representative of Japan to this Government such, as Dr. Cornell corresponded and consulted with him regarding it. The proposition that the United States shall return its share to Japan upon condition that it shall be devoted to educational purposes is therefore not a new one. It has received the endorsement, given most cordially, by members of the present Administration, Senators and Representatives, and other leading citizens of the country. We are unable to state precisely the sum thus proposed to be donated; but compared with the prospective results of the donation, we do not hesitate to characterize it as meager. The gift will illustrate beyond the possibility of cavil the sincerity of our desire that the Japanese shall meet with no obstacle in their efforts in the direction of reform. It will do more than this. It will show that we are willing to grant substantial aid and assistance in the support of those efforts, and it will be received as a further assurance of our disinterestedness in behalf of the progress of civilization in the East. As will compare so favorably with the wide-spread motives of other interested Powers as to place us pre-eminently and permanently in the position of the most eminent friends of a nation with whose relations are yet in infancy.

It may be true, and, undoubtedly, is, that a few of the American citizens who have obtained position and emoluments in official capacity, under the Japanese Government, have proved to be incapable of discharging the country of their birth, by flagrant abuse of the privileges accorded to them. Yet the spirit of American justice, as illustrated in our past relations with Japan, has been so forcibly asserted as to teach the Japanese a lesson of gratitude to us which they will never forget. Whilst a few of these Americans entered into a conspiracy to destroy Mr. Mori, and while others, inspired by Veddo to aid the retrograde movement, as to aid the scheme of the plotters, it was an American of high and undoubted nobility of character who negotiated terms for them in the interests of Europe, at whose expense all of these Americans were sent back to their native land.

These Americans have also asked Congress for a committee to investigate the trials of those citizens of the country, who were condemned to death, and the part they played in the plot against Mr. Mori.

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